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To: Shana Davis-Cook, Village Manager
From: Michael Younes, Director of Municipal Operations 
CC: Board of Managers
Date: 2/10/11
Re: Update on Capital and Infrastructure Upgrade Projects

Below please find an update on the various capital and infrastructure upgrade projects currently in-process and in the planning stage:

Brookville Road Sidewalk Improvements:

- Due to adverse weather the project is running approximately 20 days behind schedule. The new projected completion date is February 25.
- Currently, the contractor is in-process of installing the timber curb and gravel pave sidewalk.
- Over the past month the contractor and sub-contractors have completed the installation of the following items:
 - installed the entire base structure for the gravel pave sidewalk;
 - began the installation of the timber curb and gravel pave;
 - installed the temporary pavement markings along Brookville Road; and
 - completed the installation of the remaining ADA handicap ramps.
- Between now and the end of the project the contractor will complete the installation of the timber curb, gravel pave sidewalk and complete its site clean-up.

Connecticut Avenue Sidewalks Upgrades (Maryland State Highway Administration):

- The Maryland State Highway Administration contractors have begun their construction work along Connecticut Avenue in the Town of Chevy Chase. It is anticipated that work within the Village will begin by the middle of March.

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- This is one of the State's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects. The ARRA funds can be used to rebuild and replace existing sidewalk along State Highways between mass transit facilities (i.e. bus stops).
- Approximately 60% of the sidewalks on Connecticut Avenue will be replaced as part of this project.
- The Village has been in contact with the State's project manager to ensure that the State uses the Village's approved brick type and pattern

PEPCO Feeder Upgrades (Connecticut Avenue and Bradley Lane):

- PEPCO had hoped to complete their wiring upgrades by the end of the calendar year; however, due to their current workload PEPCO started this project Tuesday, February 8th.
- The project will include:
 - Replacement of the high voltage wire (highest wire on the pole) with an upgraded gauge wire.
 - Replacement of the secondary wire with an upgraded wire that can withstand tree interaction better
 - Replacement of 12 utility poles
 - Selective tree trimming (resident sign-offs have already been received)
- PEPCO has already completed its required tree trimming along Connecticut Avenue and Bradley Lane in preparation for the wire replacements.

Streetlights Replacement and Upgrade:

- PEPCO has completed its retrofit of all streetlights in the Village.
- The Village Police Department has conducted a follow-up survey of areas within the Village that do not have any or acceptable light levels at night.
- The Police Department's list will be cross referenced with the Village power pole inventory to determine an estimate cost to illuminate those areas
- The Public Works Committee has been briefed on the follow-up survey and met on February 9th to discuss next steps and has provided a recommendation for additional street lighting to the Board for its consideration.

Street Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program:

- The first phase of the street maintenance and rehabilitation program was completed in October.
- Currently, the Village Public Works Department is monitoring the Village's roadways during the winter months for potholes that may develop.
- The second and third phases of the project will be coordinated with WSSC as they complete their water main replacement activities over the coming year.

- Due to the cold weather Village paving and asphalt patching is on hold.

Village-wide Sidewalks Replacement:

- As of February 3rd the invitation for bids for the comprehensive sidewalk Replacement project closed.
- A total of eight (8) bids were received
- Over the coming month Village staff will evaluate all bids and draft a recommend for Board action.
- It is anticipated that a contract recommendation and construction estimate would be brought to the Board at its March regular meeting.

***Verizon* FiOS:**

- *Verizon* crews currently have completed all tree trimming and underground conduit prep work.
- *Verizon* have placed all 4 fiber optic hubs
- *Verizon* is currently installing the aerial inner-duct and FiOS throughout the Village.
- Where aerial-inner duct installation is complete, *Verizon* is placing the FiOS lines, splicing and making connection to energize the service fully.
- It is anticipated that the entire Village will be able to order FiOS service by the middle of March. However, within the next week portions of Hesketh and Grafton Streets, Kirkside Drive, Belmont Avenue, Park Street, Montgomery Street, Center Street and Grove Street should be able to order FiOS service.

WSSC Water Main Replacement:

- WSSC is still in the contract negotiation and approval phase of the project.
- Construction is not anticipated to begin before mid-March.
- Approval of WSSC's contract with the contractors is now scheduled from its February 17th Commission meeting.
- Once approved WSSC, the selected contractor and I will meet to discuss the project schedule further. Once that meeting occurs, I will provide a further update to you, the Board and affected residents.